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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

The Newspaper Maker says: "The New York Press Club gave its annual dinner February 18. A marked feature of the occasion was the almost entire absence of newspaper men." Will the same peculiarity be noted at the next meeting of the Southern California editors?

There is an ice combine in Bakersfield, "but it cuts no ice." The consumers are consuming the same as before, getting their ice from Stockton in carload lots, and at moderate rates. It seems to be a game of freezeout, with the consumers winning.—Los Angeles Record.

Bakersfield is the latest candidate for free mail delivery. The postoffice business is fully up to the required \$10,000 mark, and about all that seems necessary to meet all the government requirements is to put up street signs and number the houses.—Los Angeles Express.

Coal Discovered.—W. Bludworth and E. M. Howard, who have been prospecting the city lands north of the San Diego river, are reported to have discovered an extensive coal deposit. Eastern capitalists have become interested in the find and are endeavoring to secure a ten-years-lease on the land.

Harbor Jubilee.—The business men and citizens generally at San Pedro are enthusiastically working to make a success of the proposed harbor jubilee celebration. Already \$700 has been raised by the committee appointed to obtain subscriptions, and it is expected that \$1000 will be raised.—Los Angeles Record.

This is the way the Ventura Free Press slanders the young and thriving beet growing community of Oxnard: "One of Oxnard's enterprising citizens, seeing an advertisement in an Eastern paper as to 'How to Raise Beets,' sent fifty two-cent stamps and received a postal card, saying, 'Take hold of the tops and pull.'"

Will Be Retried.—Two years ago a man named Green was killed by a Southern Pacific train at Ventura, and in a suit for damages instituted by his widow the court awarded her \$9000. After fighting for time the company appealed and the supreme court has just handed down a decision ordering the case to be retried.

It is safe to say there would be some lofty kicking in Los Angeles if the same methods were to be used as are used at Newport News, Va., in quarantining smallpox patients. A dispatch from that place mentions that the smallpox hospital there is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, and to make the fence doubly effective, the wires are charged with electricity.

The spring of '99 edition of the Western Graphic is a splendid instance of Southern California journalistic enterprise, from Miss Curran's dainty illustrated cover to the advertisements. The statement of the publishers that the issue is "the most costly, the most pretentious and the most beautiful newspaper ever printed in California," remains unchanged.

HIGH LICENSE: The question of high license for the saloons at Santa Monica is apparently as far from settlement as it was when first discussed months ago. The City Trustees are close guarded in their language when speaking of the matter, and no action has been taken by the Santa Monica Improvement Club, which to a great extent controls public opinion and official action.

The Tulare Register gives a timely note of warning when it says that "if the forest rangers are not put to work shortly, and a good many of them at that, the sheep will be in the mountains, and there will be no getting them out when once turned loose there." The recent warning sent out by the Interior Department will be of little use if the rangers are not prompt in enforcing the law.

It is greatly to the credit of the residents of Riverside that they are showing an inclination to contribute to the comfort of Luther C. Tibbetts, who developed the navel orange in California, and who has lost all his property. The Riverside Enterprise announces that a building site of ten acres at Tibbetts Station has been pledged, an architect has contributed plans for a house, and masons and other artisans have offered to give their time to the construction of the dwelling. The orange growers ought certainly do the rest.

The Chino Champion says: "A post-

card arrived at the postoffice addressed very legibly to W. G. Morehead. It was dated on the face, Pomona, Cal., October 20, 1896. It bore the postmark of the Pomona postoffice of date October 20, 1896, showing that it was duly deposited there on the day it was written. The next postmarks were Los Angeles, February 23, 1899, and Chino, February 23, 1899. It took the postal card just two years, four months and three days to come from Pomona to Chino—six miles. It is presumed that the Pomona postmaster started out to deliver it personally, and losing his way walked around the world, finally arriving at Los Angeles, where the card was started to its destination."

The Portland Oregonian says: "The boyish faces that look out from the pictures of the soldier boys who have died in Manila carry a pang of pity for the lads who met death in the country's service, and of apprehension for those still on duty in the far islands of the southern sea, to hundreds of homes and thousands of hearts. 'How very much alike all our boys look!' is the common expression as each boyish face is added to the galaxy of the nation's youthful dead. The simple explanation of this lies in the fact that these are 'our boys' by virtue of a common duty, a common bravery, a common danger, smooth-faced, bright-eyed, sturdy lads, each with a heart for home, and a longing to return, and each mindful of his duty and anxious to discharge it. Why should they not 'look alike.' If the theory that the face is an index of thought and purpose is correctly based?"

LIVELY CAPTURE.

San Bernardino Transcript: F. Perdue of Grapeland, his dog and another man, had a first-class battle with a mountain wild cat the other day. The cat was captured, but not until after a hard fight, and the animal had plenty of ginger left when he was brought to town this morning in a big dry goods box. When any of the curiosity seekers stuck their faces too close to the opening between the slats his catship would make a vicious jump at them. Before he was captured he almost sent one dog to the happy hunting grounds. Perdue succeeded in throwing a lasso around a hind leg, but he was kept on the jump until his companion threw another lasso over the animal's head. They then stretched the cat between them like a rubber band, and finally rolled him into a box.

SMALLPOX IN THE EAST.

All States Are Having a Number of Cases.

Those who think that Los Angeles is the only part of the United States where there are cases of smallpox, should look over the weekly bulletin published by the United States Marine Hospital Corps. This bulletin has been partially necessitated by the prevalence of the smallpox throughout the United States. The bulletin just received here by Health Officer Powers shows that there is some smallpox in every state of the Union with two exceptions. The smallpox is supposed to have been brought in originally by soldiers returning from the Cuban campaign. It first became a serious question in the Southern States during the fall months. It spread and from January 1st to March 1st the bulletin discloses that there were 300 cases in Georgia, 125 cases in Colorado, more than 300 in Nebraska, 57 in Ohio, over 100 in Virginia and other states, especially New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, the Carolinas and other states show a large number of cases. At the present time there are fifteen cases of smallpox in Washington, D. C., fifteen cases in St. Louis, Mo., twelve cases in Columbus, O., twenty-one cases in Laredo, Texas, eighteen cases in Denver, a number in Omaha, not definitely stated, and so on throughout many of the cities of the country.

A RURALE SHOT.

Desperate Indian Cattle Thieves Commit Murder.

San Diego—Word was received from Ensenada that Jose Rayle, a Mexican rurale, had been shot by a gang of Indian cattle thieves near the old settlement of Neji, on the Tecarte ranch in Lower California, near the boundary line, and had since died of his injuries. Rayle and another rurale named Verdugo had been delegated to arrest the gang of thieves whose success in stealing cattle and horses for the past several months had terrorized the whole country, and on the day of the shooting the Indians were rounded up in the mountains. Rayle advanced to place the seven men under arrest, when the leader, known as Chappo, drew a revolver, and deliberately shot the officer in the breast.

On Sunday a party started from Ensenada for the scene of the tragedy including the governor, and they will not return until the desperados have been captured.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

An official flower is well enough, but the people would rather that the legislature had given them a Senator.

Will it be legal to cartoon the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey without their written permission.

The experiment of raising funds to wrench water from the arid sky having been tried, and having failed, it is probable the rest of the experiment will be abandoned. Almost anybody can raise thunder, but to raise funds to make rain is a different proposition.

A Tombstone preacher in his services last Sunday prayed fervently that the members of the legislature be given wisdom, adding the supplication that they be "kept from taking away the Capitol." Evidently the minister had become resigned to having everything else taken, but hoped to save the building.

Supervisor Appointed.—Governor Gage has appointed C. O. Barker of Banning as Supervisor in the Fifth district in the place of John Shaver of San Jacinto, who failed to qualify within the legal time. Mr. Shaver and his friends are preparing to contest the governor's appointment in the supreme court.

And now the gophers are migrating from the lowlands to the hills in Orange county and this is given out as another evidence that heavy rains are about to fall on that part of the country. The people have not yet started to follow the gophers, however, but it is hoped they will escape before they are drowned by the coming floods.

The Phoenix Gazette says: "Capt. McClintock ought to write a history of the Rough Riders. The captain is one of the finest writers in Arizona, and he led where the bullets whistled around his gallant company of intrepid Arizonians." A history of the Rough Riders by Capt. McClintock would be a work of thrilling interest, nor would he have to exaggerate the truth in any particular to make it such.

Pensions were granted to Californians as follows: Original—Austin C. Shafer, Los Angeles, \$6; Mahlon Smith Connolly, Los Angeles, \$6; Lewis S. Avery, Los Angeles, \$8. Increase—George H. Barlow, Santa Monica, \$12 to \$17; John W. Hanley, Bishop, \$8 to \$10. Original—Benjamin P. Shuler, Los Gatos, \$8; Henry P. Wehrung, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles, \$10. Increase—Francis M. Noble, Hollister, \$6 to \$8.

Topeka, Kan.—It is officially announced that the Santa Fe will enter San Francisco over its own tracks by the middle of July or the first of August next, at the latest. This is a much earlier entrance than at first announced. Simultaneous with the operation of trains over the California line or by the time of the opening up of traffic to the coast an additional overland train from Chicago to San Francisco will be put on.

At Labon, Ind., a tragic ending to a matrimonial venture between two old people who met through a matrimonial bureau has been made by Edward Wannick. After Wannick's wife had begun proceedings for a divorce, he broke up her furniture, then shot himself and finally hanged himself to a tree. Wannick came from Flagstaff, Ariz., last August, to marry his wife, then a widow. The result was unhappy and divorce proceedings precipitated the above result.

Never before probably has there been so much energy directed to the development of water in Southern California as at present. Towns everywhere are looking after more certain sources of supply, water companies are extending or preparing to extend their operations, and ranchmen are boring wells and putting in pumping plants. While all this is expensive, it gives assurance that in the future a dry year will not cause the alarm such a year has caused in the past.

The nurses and physicians who have responded to the call to go to Clifton, Ariz., to attend smallpox patients are doing heroic as well as commendable service. The disease prevails there mostly among ignorant Mexicans. An attempt to have the sick removed to an isolation hospital recently met with threats of armed resistance. When a constable and posse went to move the patients they were fired upon from ambush. No one was injured, however, and twenty Mexicans

were captured and imprisoned in a tunnel, and the town was heavily guarded. Since then matters have been more quiet, but the disease is not likely to be wiped out for some time.

BOUND AND ROBBED.

How Two Men Ambushed Seven and Got Their Money.

Tacoma, Wash.—Two armed highwaymen laid in ambush on a bicycle path two miles from the city and captured and robbed seven men between 8 and 11 o'clock, securing several watches, but less than \$10 in cash. They laid a log across the path and stopped the travelers as they came to it. The first man was a candy-maker who had a bundle of aprons, which they used to bind their prisoners as they came one by one. After robbing them they tied their hands and feet and laid them in a row in the bushes.

At 11 o'clock the footpads went away, leaving the victims bound, but one managed to roll over where another could untie him with his teeth and they gave the alarm, but the robbers had fled. About 7 o'clock two men, presumably the same, held up T. O. Abbott, a prominent attorney, but a few blocks from the same place, but he broke away and escaped.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Madrid—A vast quantity of rock overhanging the village of Rucnerja, near Albaceta, in the province of the same name, fell today, destroying many houses and killing many people.

The Madrid correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle says that Don Carlos, the pretender, has forbidden the Carlists to take part in the forthcoming election to the new Cortes.

Popocatepetel Sold.—The great Mexican volcanic mountain, Popocatepetel has just been sold to an English syndicate for \$250,000 gold by General Casper S. Ocha. In the crater of this volcano is the largest known sulphur deposit, which will be taken out on a large scale.

Ello, Doncher Know.—The British government has decided to introduce competition in the telephone service of the country. The Secretary of the Treasury yesterday asked \$10,000,000 as a starter in order to develop the London service. It is a notorious fact that Great Britain is far behind the United States and other countries in telephone communication.

London—A special dispatch from from Paris says it is rumored that one of the soldiers who perished in the explosion of the powder magazine, near Toulon, had for a long time past been the victim of a systematic persecution upon the part of a corporal and he vowed to be avenged. It is added that this man is suspected of having blown up the magazine.

Pekin.—The Italian minister here regards as an insult the manner in which the Tsung Li Yamen, or Chinese Foreign Office, has treated its demand for a coaling station at Sanmun and a rupture of diplomatic relations between China and Italy is probable. It is believed that Russia has reiterated its protests against the Chinese government and the United States, so as to seek compensation, territorial and otherwise.

Mexico's Gratitude.—Dr. J. Diaz Prieto, Mexican Consul at Corpus Christi, Tex., has just been granted the sole right to reclaim 33,000,000 acres of government land in Sonora, Mex., comprising some of the gold lands of the Yaqui country. The agricultural portions are to be colonized by Spanish ex-soldiers from Porto Rico and Cuba. The value of the grant is about \$40,000,000 and was made as a testimonial of appreciation of Dr. Prieto's success in bringing foreign capital into Mexico.

New York.—A dispatch to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says the Argentinian and Chilean commissioners have not yet arrived at a settlement of the Punta De Atacama question, as the Chileans wish to divide Punta De Atacama between the two countries, while the Argentinians maintain their right to the whole territory which Bolivia, the rightful owner, surrendered to Argentina. Therefore, the question will undoubtedly be submitted to the arbitration of United States Minister Buchanan. The general boundary question will be determined by Queen Victoria, as public opinion in Chile is opposed to a direct understanding between the two governments. That the last rains destroyed 30 per cent of the Argentine crop is denied. Practically all the wheat is already under shelter.

A LA HOBSON.

The boy stood on the burning deck, For him, alas, they'd missed; He did not dare to make for land For fear he would be kissed.

—Syracuse Herald.

MINES AND MINING.

INFORMATION.

Mining and Scientific Press: An assay ton contains 480 grains, being a troy ounce, and there are 29,166 troy ounces in an avordupois ton of 2000 pounds.

A cubic foot of quartz weighs nearly twice as much as a cubic foot of quartz sand, owing to the interstitial spaces in the latter.

A grain of \$18 gold is worth 3%. Quartz containing 1 cent in 1 pound is worth \$20 per ton.

In placer mining twenty inches of water is usually considered a sluice head.

At ordinary temperature a cubic foot of water weighs 62½ pounds avordupois.

Amalgamation should be accomplished in a battery with the least possible amount of water.

The average loss of quicksilver in free milling ores should not exceed one-sixth ounce per ton of ore crushed.

Water flowing from the shafts or tunnels of many copper mines contains sulphate of copper in solution. By passing this water through a sluice box or tank containing old scrap iron metallic copper is deposited.

The relative height of discharge from a stamp battery influences the capacity. A low discharge increases capacity, a high discharge retards it. While increased capacity may result in cheapening the cost of crushing per ton, a loss of gold from more rapid crushing may result in a loss instead of a gain.

A miner's inch in California is a variable quantity, ranging from 1.36 cubic feet to 1.73 cubic feet per minute, according to height of pressure. When the surface of the water is exactly six inches above the center of the discharge two inches in height, each square inch discharges one and a half cubic feet per minute, or 12.09 gallons.

FROM KOUKUK COUNTRY.

Farthest North Mining District in the World.

J. P. Bauscareen from the East en route to the Koukuk mining country in the Arctic Circle, the farthest north inland mining district in the world. He came down from that country several months ago, and is one of the few white men who have returned, though 2500 miners went up there last spring.

Bauscareen has a map of the Arctic Circle region, which is the only map of that country ever made to show all the small creeks, lakes and mountains. It was made by E. H. Chapman, who spent seven years there.

"For some years past," says Bauscareen, "Indians have been bringing out gold dust at the rate of \$1000 to \$1500 a year. Last year we went up there with the Indians and found many locations which paid 25 cents to the pan. I am taking hydraulic machinery up now. Some six hundred miles along the Koukuk river is Tramway Bar, a raised table land where we have 120 acres. We bring water over the cliff, build an apron on the cliff side and a sluice, and throw the water against the gravel, which will run off down the sluice."

A rotary quartz mill will soon be erected at the Smith mine over in the Toll Gate canyon country, near Tebachapi. There is not much work being done in that camp now, owing to lack of water.

Winchester Recorder: It is reported that W. Rice of Oak Grove, who was one of the first prospectors to discover gold in the Sage country, has bonded one of his recently located claims in that district for \$1000.

It is reported from Boston that the Isle Royale Copper Mining Company, capital \$2,000,000 has been consolidated. The Isle Royale is known as a Bigelow-Lewisohn corporation, and the Miner's, which was incorporated at Trenton only a few weeks ago, is a Standard Oil property.

Randsburg Miner: The Johannesburg reduction works has taken a lease for one year on the St. Elmo mine and has put on a force of men under the management of Wythe Walker, and are taking out ore. Their lease requires that they sink a number of feet each month, in addition to drifting and stoping. The work will be carried forward carefully and systematically, and the St. Elmo may yet justify the highest opinion once prevalent in this camp in regard to it.

Mining Review: The first gold brick from the Ranchita mine, San Diego county, under the new management of the Colorado and California Mining Development Company of Los Angeles, was purchased this week by William T. Smith & Co., assayers in Los Angeles. The brick was brought in by Mr. Quigley, superintendent of the mine. The mill run showed an average of a little over \$51 per ton. All the ore in this run was taken from the 450-foot level, which fact in itself is an excellent indication that the property is one of depth and of value.